

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of May 26 - May 30, 2008**

1. Stormwater Management Projects (Wards 1 & 3): The Columbia Avenue stormwater line at Poplar Avenue has been replaced. The Cleveland Avenue infiltration project is projected to be completed by next week. *(Public Works)*

2. Officers in Meetings:

- On May 24 and 25, Takoma Park Police Department conducted a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) detail from 10:00pm until 2:00am, in the Langley Park Corridor, targeting University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. The detail made 28 traffic stops resulting in seven (7) state citations, six (6) Equipment Repair Orders (ERO), four (4) warnings and two (2) DUI arrests. Chief Ricucci stated that the detail was very successful and will continue unannounced during the summer.

- On May 27, Gretchen Hilburger, Montgomery County Community Outreach Coordinator from the Maryland International Corridor CSAFE Program, was a finalist for the annual Community Action Award given in honor of Henry L. Dixon. She was not the winner of the award, but the Montgomery County Community Action Board did select her for special recognition for her work with CSAFE. Chief Ricucci attended the reception to honor her at the Department of Health and Human Services Building in Rockville. *(Police)*

3. Meeting at Hillwood Manor (Ward 6): Landlord-Tenant staff, representatives from the Police Department and Gretchen Hilburger from the C-SAFE Program met with a group of tenants and the manager of Hillwood Manor on Thursday evening. The group discussed security concerns, some landlord-tenant issues and their interest in forming a tenant association. The group plans to meet again in mid June to discuss the tenant association and to also organize an event that will bring the tenants together. For further information, call the C-SAFE Program at 301-439-0972. *(Housing and Community Development)*

4. Tenant Rights Class: On June 10, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Landlord-Tenant staff will sponsor a class on tenant rights. Anyone having questions about security deposits, notices to vacate, lease requirements or the rent stabilization law are invited to attend to have their questions addressed. Anyone interested in forming a tenant association in their building can also obtain further information about the process for registering their group. To register for the class, call 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

5. The Bathroom Poet Project (City-wide): The June 7 deadline for submissions to the Bathroom Poetry Project is rapidly approaching! If you or someone you know would like to submit their original work to be considered for inclusion in the project, please e-mail your poems to the bathroompoet@hotmail.com. If you own a business in Takoma Park and your restrooms are open to the public, please let us know if you would be interested in having one of the selected poems posted at your establishment. *(Housing and Community Development)*

6. Takoma/Langley Crossroads Urban Design Workshops - June 12, 14 and July 17 (Ward 6): M-NCPPC staff from both Counties and Takoma Park staff are working together to create a unified plan for the future development of the Takoma Langley Crossroads. This commercial district anchors the northern end of the New Hampshire

Avenue Corridor and represents the City of Takoma Park's largest redevelopment opportunity. If you are interested in getting involved in this process, please add these open house workshops to your calendar! Participants are encouraged to drop-in during each of the workshops, grab a marker and draw new design ideas or modify the designers' ideas. The indoor workshops will also have presentations. The first workshop will be held on Thursday, June 12 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Langley Park Community Center (1500 Merrimac Drive). The second will be held outdoors near the Post Office on Holton Lane on Saturday, June 14 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The last workshop will be held on Thursday, July 17 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Langley Park Community Center (1500 Merrimac Drive) when participants will be given an opportunity to review the final urban design option for the areas around the New Hampshire Avenue and Riggs Road transit stations. Learn more about the project and the upcoming workshops online at www.mncppc.org/TLC or call 301-495-4565. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Volunteer to Clean Up the Maryland Gateway (Ward 3): Join the City and the Pinecrest and Circle Woods neighborhood associations on Saturday, June 28, 2008 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we work together to spruce up the gateway to Takoma Park and Maryland. This clean-up day is an initiative of the Neighborhood Commercial Area Small Scale Improvements project. For more information - and to sign up to volunteer - contact Catherine Rassman at (301) 891-7119 or by e-mail at Catheriner@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Crossroads Farmers Market Opens June 4 (Ward 6): Support the Crossroads Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 4, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. in their new location across from the US Post Office on Holton Lane and help them celebrate their 2nd year of operation. The market accepts Food Stamps, WIC & Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons and provides a variety of fresh locally grown or produced international foods for a diverse, growing community. For more information call 301-445-4368 or e-mail crossroadsmarket@gmail.com. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Community Gardens and Greening Project - Accepting Applications (Wards 2, 3 and 6): HCD staff are continuing to accept applications for the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor - Community Gardening and Greening Project. There are several properties that are open to gardening along the Avenue. For more information contact Paul Grenier at (301) 891-7220 or pgrenier@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Function at the Junction Concert Tonight (Ward 1 and 3): Kick off the beginning of your weekend with music at Takoma Junction. This Friday, see the Pan Masters. There will be free live music from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parking lot next to the Co-op. City TV crews will be there to record the event. For more information, call 301-891-7231. The concert series is sponsored by the City of Takoma Park and the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Co-op. *(City TV and Housing and Community Development)*

9. Neighborhood Traffic Calming (Wards 2, 3, and 6): The Long Branch-Sligo neighborhood project is currently on hold pending the conclusion of construction on Sligo Creek Parkway. The New Hampshire Gardens neighborhood is concluding the final demonstration in the neighborhood and expected to discuss next steps during the week of June 16th. A traffic calming demonstration is expected to be installed in the Pinecrest neighborhood next week. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. **Meet and Greet:** The Takoma Park T-Ball Program will have their orientation this Saturday, May 31st at Hodges Field at 9:00am. The kids will get a chance to meet their teammates and coaches, as well as participate in some fun games conducted by the Recreation Staff. *(Recreation)*

11. **Keeping it Safe:** Next Wednesday, June 4, City TV will broadcast live the "Keeping It Safe" panel discussion on underage drinking co-sponsored by the TPPD. *(City TV)*

12. **The Newsletter:** The June edition of the Takoma Park Newsletter will be mailed starting today. It is also available for viewing on the City website (see link on www.takomaparkmd.gov). *(City TV)*

13. Officers in Training:

- On May 27, various officers attended the in-car video camera training held here in the City.
- On May 29, Capt. Coursey attended the Maryland Inter-Agency Law Enforcement System/National Crime Information Center (MILES/NCIC) re-certification training in Columbia.
- On May 30, various police personnel attended the Automated External Defibrillator/ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (AED/CPR) training held in the Community Center. *(Police)*

14. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 170 traffic stops, which resulted in citations and five (5) vehicle impounds, three (3) Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests and three (3) Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests.

During the week of May 22-28, 2008, the following details were completed:

May 22, 2008

- New Hampshire Avenue at Larch Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one and a half (1 ½) hour detail and issued three (3) warnings.
- Maple Avenue at Lincoln Avenue (stop sign) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued one (1) warning.

May 23, 2008

- Kirklynn Avenue at New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a half (1/2) hour detail and issued one (1) warning.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a one and a half (1 ½) hour detail and issued six (6) state citations.

May 24, 2008

- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued three (3) state citations and one (1) warning.
- New Hampshire Avenue at Larch Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one (1) hour detail and issued two (2) state citations and one (1) warning.

May 27, 2008

- 7300 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a one and a half (1 ½) hour detail and issued three (3) state citations, one (1) other state citation and three (3) warnings.

May 28, 2008

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18. **New Winter Basketball League:** Recreation Department Staff met with the Recreation Committee to develop the NEW Winter Basketball league for children in grades K-8. The coed league is currently recruiting 30 volunteer coaches. Please contact Matt Poorman if interested at (301) 891-7282 or mattp@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

19. **Excel Beyond the Bell:** Karla Kelley, Teen Manager, attended the first annual symposium for Excel Beyond the Bell Partnership. The mission of the partnership is to inspire children and youth to realize their full potential by building a sustainable system offering safe, quality and accessible out of school time programs. This initiative supports one of the objectives of Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett "Preparing Children to Learn and Live." Three of the proposed strategies are developing programs standards and core youth worker competencies, developing a professional development system that will enhance competencies of youth workers and their organization and develop strategies to help recruit and retain youth workers in out of school time programs. Later this summer Karla along with representatives from agencies throughout Montgomery County will be participating in several focus groups to help in solidifying the goals and objectives of Excel Beyond the Bell initiatives. *(Recreation)*